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In re application of:

Yutaka IMAMURA, et al.

Serial No: 10/040,177
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For: LASER OUTPUT CIRCUIT FOR OPTICAL DISK
        RECORDING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2652
Examiner: Peter V. Agustin

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.